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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GROSS ET AL.

Examiner

Allan Hoosain

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 110-129 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 110-129 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/3/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 110-129 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Bartholomew et al.** (US 6,215,858).

As to Claims 110,120,125, with respect to Figures 4-10, **Bartholomew** teaches a method of providing telecommunications services via a service node, 120, including a voicemail system, 125, and a call processor, 123, the method comprising:

receiving a voicemail message from the voicemail system, the voice mail message being associated with a call that is transferred to the voicemail system directly (from either the call processor) or forwarded (a switching system external to the service node) (Col. 16, lines 59-67 and Col. 17, lines 40-52);

generating textual information based on the received voicemail message (Col. 38, lines 35-43); and

sending the textual information to a device specified by a subscriber of the telecommunication services (Col. 38, lines 57-61).

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As to Claims 111,116,121,126, **Bartholomew** teaches a method according to claim 110, wherein the device in the sending step includes one of a printer and a facsimile machine (Col. 38, lines 57-61).

As to Claims 112,117,122,127, **Bartholomew** teaches a method according to claim 110, further comprising:

generating a document containing the textual information (Col. 38, lines 38-40, 49-61);

and

forwarding the document to the device (Col. 38, lines 49-61).

As to Claims 113,118,123,128, **Bartholomew** teaches a method according to claim 110, further comprising:

receiving a personal identification number assigned to one of the subscriber (Col. 23, lines 18-24) and a non-subscriber (Col. 24, lines 57-65); and

controlling access to the telecommunication services based on the received personal identification number (Col. 23, lines 22-30 and Col. 25, lines 7-20).

As to Claims 114,119,124,129, **Bartholomew** teaches a method according to claim 113, further comprising:

identifying the subscriber based on the received personal identification number (Col. 17, lines 24-34); and

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retrieving a profile of the subscriber, wherein the textual information is sent to the device according to the profile (Col. 38, lines 23-43).

As to Claim 115, with respect to Figure 9, **Bartholomew** teaches a telecommunication node for providing telecommunications services, the node comprising:

an automated call distributor, 110, configured to receive a call from a user (Figure 9);

a call processor, 123, configured to provide a menu of options to the user, the options relating to the telecommunications services (Figure 9);

a voicemail and facsimile platform configured to selectively generate a voicemail message from the call, wherein the call is transferred to the voicemail and facsimile platform selectively from within the node and outside of the node (Col. 16, lines 59-67 and Col. 17, lines 40-52); and

a speech processor configured to generate textual information based on the voicemail message, wherein the textual information is forwarded to a device specified by the user (Col. 38, lines 57-61).

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

**Dugan et al.** (US 6,330,079) teaches a platform which routes calls internally and externally to voice mail.

**Pepe et al.** (5,742,905) teach a server which provides cross-media notifications and delivery.

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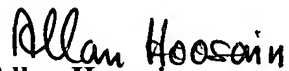
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (571) 272-7547.

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